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Congressman Warns El Salvador

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OSSINING, N.Y., June 1 — Representative Peter A. Peyser said today that economic and military assistance to El Salvador should be withheld until there was a "satisfactory conclusion" to that country's investigation into the murders of four American churchwomen there in December 1980.

Mr. Peyser, a Westchester Democrat, said after a meeting at the Maryknoll Sisters Center that "requests by Congress for information are evaded" by the State Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency. "At no level are we getting the full story," he said.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee recently approved a Reagan Admin-

istration proposal to increase military aid to El Salvador from \$25 million to \$60 million, Mr. Peyser said, "but it hasn't reached the floor of the House yet."

"I will seek to have a resolution offered that no aid can be forthcoming unless there is a satisfactory resolution of this issue," he said.

'C.I.A. Wants Proof'

Mr. Peyser met with Helene O'Sullivan of the Office of Social Concerns of the Maryknoll Sisters and with William F. Ford, a brother of Ita Ford, one of the three nuns and a volunteer who were shot and buried in a crude grave 25 miles southeast of San Salvador.

Mr. Ford, a lawyer, said: "The fami-

lies have had an enormously difficult time getting information. We've had to resort to the Freedom of Information Act, and the C.I.A. wants proof that they are dead. I can't understand why our Government won't help us find out who orchestrated this.

"We are being asked to believe that the five who were arrested were it," he said, "and that we should fold our tent and disappear." Six members of El Salvador's armed forces were arrested and accused of the shootings a year ago, but one has since been released. A judge is considering whether to dismiss the case for lack of evidence or call a pre-trial hearing.

In El Salvador, Mr. Peyser said, "everything is being held off, pending Congress' action. They may move for a trial only as a way to get assistance."

He said the Administration "should certify to Congress that human rights provisions are being pursued."